

C & I Board Meeting Minutes

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

April 24, 2002

Board Members Present: Lt. Governor Kathleen B. Blanco represented by Leonard Kleinpeter, John R. “Red” Bourg, Sr., Christopher Coulon, Governor M.J. Foster, represented by Rodney Braxton, Major Harold Cornett, John Friend, Arthur D. Green, Richard L. Lucas, Philip Montelepre, Rodney V. Noles, C. Wade Shaddock, John G. Vickers.

Board Members Absent: Gordon A. Burgess, Secretary Don Hutchinson, Rustin D. “Rusty” Johnson, Archie C. Lyles, Jr., Marjorie McKeithen, Noel A Murano.

Staff Present: Paul Adams, Mollie Adomako, Marylyn Friedkin, John Jernigan, Laverne Jasek, Darryl Manning, Randy Veillon, Kay Wallace.

Guest Present: Chuck Zatarain, C. Zatarain & Assoc.; Joe Rainer, Willamette Industries, Inc.; Bob Adair, Entergy; Doug LeBleu, Time Resources, LLC; Gregory P. Martin, KPMG; Bill Zarnes, Carey Salt; Donna Rea, ExxomMobil; Don Allison, KPMG; David Wright, Carey Salt Company; Steven Lee, Beaird Industries, Inc.; A. Dale Sale, Beaird Industries, Inc.; Gary Hanspal, Beaird Industries, Inc.; Brian Hebert, Beaird Industries, Inc.; R. F. Herring, Beaird Industries, Inc.; Warren Privette, Roy O. Martin Lumber-MHC-Martco; Chris Dicharm, General Motors; Warren Johnson, Walmart; Hallie Jones, Walmart; Tina Piazza, Gulf Island; Shelia Lowery, Dis-Tran Steel Pole, LL; Charles Tureau, Honey Well; James D. Dean, Biomedical Research Foundation of NW LA; Kris Engel, Biomedical Research Foundation of NW LA; Sharon Roy, Biomedical Research Foundation of NW LA; Charles Wiggins, BASF; Joe Amaro, BASF; Nick Lemoine, Lemoine Consulting Services, LLC; Craig Pazarena, General Motors; Phillip W. Day, General Motors.

ROLL CALL

Twelve Board Members were present at the time of the Roll Call.

- A motion was made by Mayor Harold L. Cornett and seconded by Richard L. Lucas to approve the March 27, 2002 C & I Board Minutes. Motion carried by 12/0.

QUALITY JOBS

Kay Wallace presented 1 Quality Job Application to the Board for deferment.

- A motion was made by C. Wade Shaddock and seconded by John Vickers to defer the application for Hotel Booking Solutions, LLC. Motion carried 12/0.

ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

Marylyn Friedkin presented 1 Request for Relocation, 1 Contract Date Change, 1 Cancellation, and 16 Enterprise Zone Applications to the Board for approval.

- A motion was made by Leonard Kleinpeter and seconded by John Friend to approve 1 Request for Relocation. Motion carried 12/0.
- A motion was made by Richard L. Lucas and seconded by Philip Montelepre to approve 1 Contract Date Change and 1 Contract Cancellation. Motion carried 12/0.

Members on the Board requested that applications for Beaird Industries, Inc., Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc., and Bryan's A/C & Heat, Inc. be pulled for discussion.

The Board wanted to know if Beaird Industries, Inc. is currently under citation for violation of Specific Conditions 7 and 10 of Operating Permit: 0500-00069-01. Marylyn Friedkins presented Steven Lee, a representative from Beaird Industries, Inc. to discuss this issue. Steven Lee reported to the Board that this issue had been resolved. He also mentioned that the information requested by USEPA on the other issue had been submitted to the proper person. He stated that no response or formal enforcement had been received on these issues. The Board decided to vote on deferring the application until a letter was received from both agencies stating that they have no problem with the Board approving the application.

- A motion was made by C. Wade Shaddock and seconded by Rodney Braxton to defer the application for Beaird Industries, Inc. until a letter is received from the LADEQ and USEPA stating that they have no problem with the Board approving the application. Motion carried 6/5.

The Board's question regarding Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. is whether these jobs are new or transfer jobs. Marylyn reported that the jobs are new.

The Board's question regarding Bryan's A/C & Heat, Inc is whether trucks qualify under the application. Marylyn said vehicles are not qualified under the application. She explained that anything that is licensed that leaves the site is not eligible. She said she didn't think the cost for the vehicles was included in the figure.

- A motion was made by John G. Vickers and seconded by C. Wade Shaddock Coulon to approve 15 Enterprise Zone Applications. Motion carried 12/0.

INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (New & Additions)

John Jernigan presented 33 Industrial Tax Exemption Applications and Contract Cancellations to the Board for approval.

Members on the Board requested that applications for Bill Lindsey/Merci Robertson, Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana, Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana, Bunge North America, Inc., Delta Wire Rope, Inc., GE Capital, and General Motors Corporation be pulled for discussion.

The Board asked John if he had been to Bill Lindsey/Merci Robertson. John explained that this site is owned by Delta Wire which currently is in question.

The Board's question regarding Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana is whether they can file for tax exemption while leasing the property. John Jernigan explained that the assessor will assess the manufacturer.

The Board's question regarding Bunge North America, Inc. is what they do with the soy beans. John Jernigan said the soy beans are used to make meal and oil.

The Board wanted John Jernigan to explain the exemption regarding the lease between GE Capital and GM Corporation. John said that the leasing company of the equipment has to be the one to receive the exemption in order for the assessor to honor the exemption.

The Board wanted to know the details on Delta Wire Rope, Inc. John Jernigan explained that Delta Wire Rope, Inc. buys & sells rope and lifting products, and fabricates wire rope, nylon and chain slings.

- A motion was made by John R. "Red" Bourg, Sr. and seconded by Leonard C. Kleinpeter to approve 33 applications for the Industrial Tax Exemption Program. Motion carried 10/0.
- A motion was made by Rodney V. Noles and seconded by Richard L. Lucas to approve 4 Contract Cancellations. Motion carried 12/0.

INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (Miscellaneous Capital Additions)

Laverne Jasek presented 71 Miscellaneous Capital Addition Applications to the Board for approval.

Members on the Board requested that application for Carey Salt Company and Roy O. Martin Lumber Company, L.P. to be pulled for discussion.

The Board asked Laverne Jasek to explain what percent of Carey Salt Company is for Mining and the percent for manufacturing. Laverne presented David Wright a representative from Cary Salt Company to explain the percentages. Mr. Wright stated that the application is only for the manufacturing side of Carey Salt Company, and that they are not asking for anything dealing with the mining side of the operation. He said manufacturing begins when the raw material is dump into the shaker.

Mr. Braxton said all of his questions had been answered regarding Roy O. Martin Lumber Company, L.P.

- A motion was made by Richard L. Lucas and seconded by Rodney Braxton to approve 71 Miscellaneous Capitol Addition Applications for the Industrial Tax Exemption Program. Motion carried 12/0

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Green announced that a Policy and Rule meeting has been scheduled for May 14, 2002 at 9:30 AM. Agenda items are:

1. Enterprise Zone present and future policy
2. Legislative Auditors recommendations

He said the report will be released publicly later this week. The report includes 20 suggestions on varied rules that our Board should consider changing. He said these suggestions will be discussed at the scheduled policy and rules committee meeting. Some members on the Board disagreed with having a policy and rules committee meeting before the legislation is out of session. Rodney Braxton reminded the Board of the reason for calling this meeting. He said the meeting was called to discuss an application that had been deferred due to the Board not being able to decide if this application is designed for the Enterprise Zone Program. After several comments from Board members and the audience, a motion was put on the floor to defer the policy and rules committee meeting until after the legislative session.

- A motion was made by Philip Montelepre and seconded by John Friend to defer the Policy and Rules Committee Meeting until after the legislative session. Motion carried 9/3.
- A motion was made by Rodney Braxton and seconded by Richard V. Noles to amend the agenda to discuss application for Williams Communications, LLC. Motion carried 10/2.

- A motion was made by Philip Montelepre and seconded by Rodney Braxton to approve the application for Williams Communications, LLC. Motion carried 12/0.

Meeting was adjourned.